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SUBJECT: AMONOO RAISES DEBT AND COCOA ISSUES WITH
AMBASSADOR PORTER

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY PORTER,
AMBASSADOR AMONOO DESCRIBED DEBT AND COCOA ISSUES AS THE
OBSTACLES TO FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING GOOD BILATERAL
RELATIONS.

2. AMONOO SAID HIS SOUNDINGS AMONG CONGRESSMEN AND
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES INDICATE CONGRESS WOULD AUTHORIZE
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SIGNATURE OF INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT, IF REQUESTED BY ADMINISTRATION, HOWEVER HE IS AWARE OF ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION, HAVING BEEN BRIEFED RECENTLY BY ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY JULIUS KATZ.

3. AMONOO TOLD AMBASSADOR PORTER HE HAS MORE DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING REFUSAL OF USG TO HANDLE DEBT ISSUE BILATERALLY, ESPECIALLY AS GHANA IS CONTINUING REPAYMENT OF DEBTS DUE USG. GENERAL DISCUSSION STATUS DEBT SITUATION FOLLOWED, INCLUDING REFERENCE TO USG BELIEF THAT PROGRESS TOWARD DEBT SETTLEMENT IMPORTANT FOR USG IN VIEW OUR POSITION AS LEADING CREDITOR OF LDCS. AMONOO ALSO TOLD USG BELIEVES SUCH PROGRESS REQUIRED TO INSURE THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER DONORS TO GUARANTY USG CAPITAL ASSISTANCE WILL HAVE DESIRED DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT.

AMBASSADOR PORTER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ONGOING DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOG AND ITS CREDITORS WILL LEAD TO SETTLEMENT THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

4. AFTER LEARNING AMBASSADOR PORTER HAD VISITED ACCRA IN EARLY SIXTIES, AMONOO INVITED HIM TO INCLUDE GHANA ON ANY AFRICAN VISIT HE MAY MAKE. AMBASSADOR PORTER REPLIED HE WOULD ATTEMPT SO INCLUDE GHANA, SHOULD OCCASION ARISE FOR VISIT TO AFRICA.

5. AFTER LEAVING AMBASSADOR PORTER'S OFFICE, AMONOO EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE PLEASURE AT RECEPTION GIVEN HIM AND AT INTEREST SENIOR USG OFFICIAL HAD TAKEN IN LEARNING OF GHANA'S PROBLEMS. ROGERS

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